



WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY



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Kerry on World Press Freedom Day



May 3 we commemorate World Press Freedom Day at a time when for too many, a free

press is under assault, and the journalists, bloggers, photographers, essayists, satirists, and essayists who give life to the words "free press" are in danger. People everywhere count on

a free press to keep us informed, hold leaders accountable, filter fact from fiction, and unmask false narratives masquerading as truth. The danger of the work journalists do in pursuing the truth was driven home for me during my trip to Kyiv in March. I'll never forget when our Ambassador pointed out a makeshift memorial on the side of the road where a journalist who dared to criticize the regime was pulled from her car and beaten within an

inch of her life by thugs allied with then-President Yanukovych. These abuses are happening in too many places: journalists are intimidated into self-censorship or arrested without cause. They're imprisoned without judicial recourse or killed with outright impunity.

I am in awe of the courage of those who risk their lives to tell the stories the world needs to hear. [More...](#)

Media Freedom for a Better Future: Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda

This year's theme for the World Press Freedom Day is "[Media Freedom for a Better Future: Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#)". The focus this year is on three inter-related themes: [the media's importance in development](#); [the safety of journalists and the rule of law](#); and [the sustainability and integrity of journalism](#).



"...We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and of expression — everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship god in his own way — everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want ... everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear ... anywhere in the world."

– Franklin D. Roosevelt, 6th January 1941

Pamphlets and Publications:



Everyone has the right to freedom of thought and expression. This right includes freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing, in print, in the form of art, or through any other medium of one's choice.

Article 13 of the American Convention of Human Rights



[Starting and Maintaining a Blog](#)

[A Practical Approach to Journalism Ethics](#)

[Freedom of Expression at a Glance](#)



[eJ:USA: Getting the Story Out](#)

[Edward R. Murrow: Journalism at the Best](#)

[A responsible Press Office in the Digital Age](#)



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[Media](#)

[Law Handbook](#)

[A Responsible Press Office: an Insider's Guide](#)

[Handbook of Independent Journalism](#)

Articles:

[Emerging and Developing Nations Want Freedom on the Internet: Young Especially Opposed to Censorship](#). Pew Research Global Attitudes Project. March 19, 2014.

[News Use across](#)

[Social Media Platforms](#). Pew Research Journalism Project. Jesse Holcomb et al. Nov. 14, 2013.

[Nonprofit Journalism -- A Growing but Fragile Part of the U.S. News Sys-](#)

[tem](#). Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism. June 10, 2013.

[Social, Search and Direct: Pathways to Digital News](#). Pew Research Journalism Project.

Interesting Websites:

[American Press Institute](#)

[Association for Women Journalists](#)

[Committee to Protect Journalists](#)

[Free the Press](#)

[Inter American Press Association](#)

[Internet Governance Forum](#)

[Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression at the Inter-American](#)

[Commission on Human Rights](#)

[Open Society Justice Initiative](#)

[Poynter Institute](#)

[Press Freedom, Internet Society](#)

[Society for News Design](#)



Books available at the American Library

[The gatekeeper : 60 years of economics according to the New York Times](#) / Robert Chernomas and Ian Hudson. 070.44965 CHE

[Free for all : the Internet's transformation of journalism](#) / Elliot King.

070.4 KIN
[Newsonomics : twelve new trends that will shape the news you get](#) / Ken Doctor. 070.4 DOC

[The news and its future](#) / edited by Paul McCaffrey. 071.3 NEW

[Peace journalism, war and conflict resolution](#) / edited by Richard Lance Keeble, John Tulloch, Florian Zollmann. 070.449 PEA

[Uninhibited, robust, and wide-open : a free press for a new century](#) / Lee C. Bollinger. 342.730853 BOL

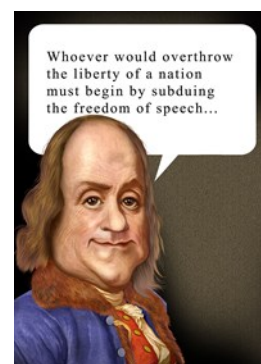


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"The only security of all is in a free press."

—Thomas Jefferson



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Facts on State Dept., USAID Efforts to Support Press Freedom

FACT SHEET

Highlights of State Department and USAID Efforts to Support Press and Media Freedom

On World Press Freedom Day, the United States pays special honor to the importance of media freedom – a crucial element of freedom of expression – at home and abroad. A diverse and independent press is crucial to holding governments accountable and promoting democracy around the world.

[More...](#)



All Internet links were active as on May 3, 2014

Virtual Workshop: Archives

[Sharing Our Stories How to Build a Blog and Attract Readers](#)

Have you wondered how to start and maintain a blog? During this webchat with blogger Daniel Silverman – better known as the Prince of Petworth – and moderator Sharon Moshavi of the International Center for Journalists, the pair talked about the development of Silverman's award-winning blog, PoPville, the difference

between journalists and bloggers, and best practices for blogging. PoPville was created in 2006, and today PoPville averages over 1.75 million page views seen by over 400,000 unique visitors every month. Watch as they take questions from around the world.

[Applying Journalism Ethics in a Digital Age](#)

With modern day technology there are many new questions for journalist on



the use of online information, social media content and anonymous sources. Watch or download a webchat with Kelly McBride, one of the country's leading voices when it comes to media ethics, and Sharon Moshavi, journalism professionals and experts as they provide practical applications of journalism ethics in a digital age.